

**REMARKS**

Claims 6 and 12-15 have been canceled. Claims 2-5, 7-11, 17, and 19, and amended claims 1, 16, and 18 are in this application.

Claim 1 was objected to because of informalities. In explaining this objection, the Examiner stated that that term "operable to include" in lines 2-3 and 5 of claim 1 should be "including." Claim 1 has been amended herein so as to incorporate such changes. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the objection to claim 1 be withdrawn.

Claim 16 was objected to because of an informality. Claim 16 has been amended herein so as to incorporate the change suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the objection to claim 16 be withdrawn.

Claim 18 was objected to because of an informality. In explaining this objection, the Examiner stated that that term "the identification packet" in line 19 of claim 18 should be "the loop detection packet." Claim 18 has been amended herein so as to incorporate such change. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the objection to claim 18 be withdrawn.

Claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. As previously indicated, claim 12 has been canceled herein.

The Examiner stated that claims 1-5, 7-11 and 16-19 were allowed.

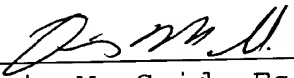
In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding objections and rejections of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone applicants' attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections and/or rejections which the Examiner might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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